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OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS PERMITTED VISIT EAST BERLIN WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION. ENLISTED MEN REQUIRE SPECIAL PASS. ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL REQUIRED BE IN UNIFORM.

PERSONNEL TRAVELING IN VEHICLES BEARING ANY OF VARIOUS KINDS OFFICIAL LICENSE PLATES DESCRIPTION OF WHICH PROVIDED TO SOVS (INCLUDING PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES WITH U.S. FORCES EUROPE PLATES) FORBIDDEN SHOW ANY IDENTIFICATION EAST GERMAN CONTROL PERSONNEL. THOSE TRAVELING BY OTHER MEANS, SUCH AS FOOT OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, MAY SHOW ID CARD ON REQUEST UNLESS IN UNIFORM. FRENCH EMPLOY SIMILAR SYSTEM, WHILE BRITISH PERMIT ALL CATEGORIES SHOW ID CARDS ON REQUEST REGARDLESS MEANS TRAVEL.

US PERSONNEL IN OFFICIALLY REGISTERED CARS, IF DENIED ENTRY ON REFUSAL TO SHOW ID CARD ARE INSTRUCTED DEMAND PASSAGE AS MATTER OF RIGHT, IF DENIED ENTRY THEY ARE TO ASK THAT SOV OFFICER BE SUMMONED; IF THIS TO NO AVAIL, THEY ARE TO TURN BACK AND TRY ANEW AT OTHER CROSSING POINTS. (THIS HAS SUCCEEDED IN PAST BUT OBVIOUSLY NO LONGER APPLIES SINCE ALL ALLIED TRAVEL NOW CONFINED ONE CROSSING POINT.) ON EXITING EAST BERLIN, IF PASSAGE BARRED AND IDENTIFICATION REQUESTED BY EAST GERMANS, US PERSONNEL ARE TO INSIST ON PASSAGE AS MATTER OF RIGHT;

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IF UNABLE ARGUE WAY THROUGH, THEY ARE TO REQUEST THAT
SOV OFFICER BE CALLED; SHOULD VOPOS NOT COMPLY AND DELAY
HAS OCCURRED THEY MAY SHOW ID CARD UNDER PROTEST.

FOR SOME TIME, OBSERVED SOV VISITS WEST BERLIN HAVE BEEN
RARE, ONE PER WEEK OR LESS, USUALLY IN FORM ONE MILITARY
SEDAN CONTAINING UNIFORMED PERSONNEL ENTERING WEST BERLIN
FROM SOVZONE BY WAY GLIENICKE BRIDGE. IN LAST FEW DAYS
WEST BERLIN POLICE HAVE REPORTED INCREASE IN SOV VISITS,
WITH FIVE OBSERVED LAST FOUR DAYS, INCLUDING BOTH MILITARY
SEDANS AND TOUR BUSES FILLED WITH UNIFORMED SOVS. UNIFORMED
SOV PERSONNEL ALMOST NEVER SEEN WEST BERLIN STREETS.
VISITS BY INDIVIDUAL SOV CIVILIANS, USUALLY OFFICIALS
OF SOV EMBASSY EAST BERLIN, TO WEST BERLIN BUSINESSMEN,
SENAT PROTOCOL OFFICE, NATO, REPORTED OCCASIONALLY.
WHENEVER SOVS WAGED GOOD WILL CAMPAIGN, DIPLOMATS AND
MILITARY PERSONNEL APPEARED AT SOCIAL EVENTS RELATIVELY
FREQUENTLY. SOV NEWSPAPERMEN MAKE OCCASIONAL APPEARANCES
WEST BERLIN, SOMETIMES ATTEMPTING INTERVIEW SENAT AND ALLIED
OFFICIALS.

RE PATROLS: AS REPORTED OUR 226, BRITISH NOT SENDING PATROLS
EAST SECTOR AND FRENCH INSTITUTED PATROLS AUG 13.

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